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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS' VIEW ON PRC INTERNAL  
DEVELOPMENTS AND THE FUTURE IN VIETNAM

1. ON MAY 16 DC HOLDRIDGE HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR  
COUNSELORS FROM SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN EMBASSIES  
AS WELL AS UK AND ITALIAN EMBOFFS. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION  
OF PRC INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS THERE WAS STRIKING UNAMITY  
OF VIEWS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST THAT CURRENT SITUATION  
CHARACTERIZED BY CAUTIOUS, LONG TERM EFFORT TO COPE WITH  
CHINA'S INTRACTABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ONLY  
EXCEPTION WAS SOVIET COUNSELOR FEDITIV WHO TRIED OUT THE  
VIEW THAT THERE IS A GROWING BODY OF EXTREME LEFTISTS WHO  
ARE DEMANDING SUCH THINGS AS ABOLITION OF A MONEY ECONOMY  
AND THE FREE DISTRIBUTION OF NECESSITIES. WHEN HIS EAST  
EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, HE BACKED  
AWAY.

2. SUBJECT OF CHIANG CHING'S STATUS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED IN  
CONNECTION WITH COMMEMORATION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY  
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OF MAO'S SPEECH TO THE YENAN FORUM ON THE ARTS. IN LAST

YEAR'S OBSERVANCES IT WAS NOTED, CHIANG CHING'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE THEATER WERE PROMINENTLY FEATURED, WHILE THIS YEAR THERE HAS THUS FAR BEEN NO MENTION OF HER. THIS COUPLED WITH SEVERAL NOTEWORTHY NON-APPEARANCES RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT HER STATUS.

3. IN A SIDE CONVERSATION WITH USLO OFFICER, FEDITOV RAISED THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN AND MADE THE FLAT STATEMENT THAT "TAIWAN HAS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF A SOVEREIGN STATE." USLO OFFICERS SIMPLY NOTED THAT ONLY PROBLEM WITH FEDITOV'S VIEW WAS FACT THAT BOTH SIDES CONSIDER THEMSELVES CHINESE.

4. IN DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM EAST EUROPEANS WERE VAGUE ABOUT PRESENT GOVERNING APPARATUS. THEY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PRESENT PRG STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO SOME CHANGES, AND SPECULATED UNIFICATION WOULD TAKE PLACE GRADUALLY, BUT PROBABLY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. EAST GERMAN COUNSELOR HAD NOTED--AS HAD WE--THAT AT DRV AND PRG EMBASSIES, BOTH DECORATED FOR VICTORY CELEBRATIONS, THE TWO FLAGS ARE FLYING SIDE BY SIDE. BUSH

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